

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office of the Governor

*Whereas*, Adele M. Diez was born on July 29, 1915, in Verdigre, Nebraska, to Carl and Rose Diez; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Adele attended country school near Clearfield, South Dakota, and it was necessary for her to ride to school on horseback; and,

*Whereas*, Adele married Leo Fargen, and to this union seven children were born: William, Dennis, Thomas, Alexis, Terese, David, and James, who in turn blessed her with ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Adele and Leo lived in California during the war, and they later moved to Pierre where Adele has lived and dedicated her life to the activities of her children and grandchildren who all fondly refer to her as Grandma Del; and,

*Whereas*, Adele worked for the Department of Transportation, has logged many hours on beautiful cross-stitched projects, is an avid Cubs fan, and has remained an active member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and St. Anne's Band; and,

*Whereas*, Adele will celebrate her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State